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MEMORANDUM FOR REGION AND WING COMMANDERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: New High Frequency (HF) Single Side Band (SSB) Equipment Standards

1. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has changed one of the specifications for HF-SSB radio equipment. This development restricts some of the HF radio equipment we are allowed to use on our AF-assigned frequencies. Because of this change, do not spend any additional corporate funds for HF radios that are not compliant with the new specifications if the equipment is intended for use in the CAP communications system. Also, please advise all members not to spend personal funds on equipment that does not meet the new standards.
2. All HF radios purchased with Federal funds since 1997 are compliant with the new NTIA specifications. Our communications staff is reviewing our online HF radio specification guidance against the new standards. The detailed manufacturer make/model guidance is temporarily offline while this review is being conducted and the new standards are integrated. It will be back online soon and will show the new specifications, along with an explanation of the changes. The new HF radio specification guidance will clearly show the compliance status of each radio listed in relation to both the old and new standards. However, you may review the *Consolidated NTIA Standards for VHF & HF Radios* now at: https://ntc.cap.af.mil/comm/equipment/NTIA_Standards.cfm
3. We understand the problems which may result from immediate implementation of these new standards. For this reason, I have directed the communications staff to work with the Air Force and attempt to obtain an authorization for delayed implementation. The results of this effort will be announced as soon as possible.
4. Please contact the NTC at 866-600-2071 if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Antonio J. Pineda", is positioned above the printed name.

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